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SUMMARY: PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTS COMMON WISH OF AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR SINO-U.S. FRIENDSHIP. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO NCNA, PEOPLE'S DAILY AUG. 4 CARRIES ANOTHER FEATURE STORY BY CHINESE CORRESPONDENTS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE RECENT JOURNALISTS DELEGATION WHICH VISITED THE U.S. LIKE A PREVIOUS ARTICLE (HONG KONG 7586) THE LATEST REPORT ALSO EMPHASIZES THAT "IT IS THE COMMON WISH OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE PEOPLE." CITING THE CASE OF THE MAYOR WHO REFUSED TO MEET WITH THE DELEGATION THE WRITERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE STILL "HURDLES ON THE ROAD OF SINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP." THE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, BALANCES THIS WITH THE COMMENT BY ANOTHER AMERICAN THAT PEOPLE LIKE THE MAYOR ARE "VERY RARE" IN THE U.S. AND THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF SINO-U.S. FRIENDSHIP ARE "DEEP-ROOTED."

2. AVOIDING NEGATIVE COMMENT OF THEIR OWN THE ARTICLE CITES EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY SOME AMERICANS ABOUT "THE MANY PROBLEMS

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OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY." MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE U.S., THE

WRITERS REPORT, HAVE HEARD "THE NEWS ABOUT CHINA," SEE IT AS "A NEW WORLD" AND WANT TO UNDERSTAND IT AND STUDY IT. THE REPORTERS ALSO NOTE THAT THEIR CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN WORKERS WERE "FEWER THAN WHAT WE HAD DESIRED."

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